

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, and 17-19 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

Specification

The specification stands objected to for allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter relating to the §112 rejections, discussed below. Applicants refer to the claim amendments discussed below and respectfully request that the objection to the specification be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 14, 15, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 3, 14, 15, and 19 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

With this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 3, 14, 15, and 19, addressing the above-described rejections. Applicants submit that these amendments traverse the Examiner's rejections and respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1, 3, 14, 15, and 19 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

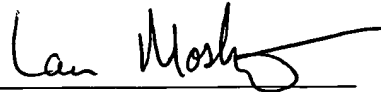
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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